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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
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 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-11
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-11
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-11
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

I. Ad Section I.:

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:
- D1: DE 94 22 401 U1 (THALHOFER, EGON; THALHOFER, FRANK) 21 June 2001
D2: EP-A-1 060 910 (EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY) 20 December 2000
D3: US-A-5 301 445 (HOFFMEISTER ET AL) 12 April 1994

II. Ad Section V.:

- 2 The claimed invention for which protection is sought can be made or used (in the technological sense) in any kind of industry and shall therefore be considered industrially applicable according to Article 33(4)PCT.
- 3 None of the cited documents discloses all the features of claim 1.
- 3.1 The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).
- 4 The present application does not meet the requirements of Article 33 and Rule 65, because the subject-matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step.
- 5 Document **D1**, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a device from which the subject-matter of claim 1 differs in that :
- (1) at least one photograph display device for displaying at least one photograph.
- 5.1 Feature (1) is described in document **D2** as providing the same advantages as in the present application. The skilled person would therefore regard it as a normal design option to include this feature in the device described in document **D1** in order to solve the problem posed.
- 6 Dependent claims **2-11** do not appear to contain any additional features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, involve an inventive step.
- 7 Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents **D1**, **D2** is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.